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TO: The Secretary

THROUGH: C - Mr. U. Alexis Johnson
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FROM: EUR - William R. Tyler

SUBJECT: Cancellation of Mr. Halaby's Trip to Moscow as a Countermeasure for Soviet Detention of Autobahn Convoys

The Soviets have been informed that we expect to sign the previously negotiated bilateral civil air agreement sometime prior to the end of this year. FAA Administrator M. Halaby has also informed the Soviets (via the Soviet Air Attaché here) that he is interested in returning Aeroflot Director Loginov's visit to the U.S. and would plan to be in Moscow early in December. He has indicated that he would expect to initiate technical discussions designed to lead up to the formal signature of the air agreement.

Recommendation:

(1) In view of the renewed Soviet obstruction of our convoys on the Berlin autobahn, it is recommended that you request Mr. Halaby to inform the Soviet Embassy Air Attaché that in view of the aggressive Soviet attitude on the autobahn, he regrettably must cancel his plans to visit the USSR in connection with the air agreement.

Approve: _____

Disapprove: _____

(2) That you authorize us to inform the press of Mr. Halaby's communication, as above, to the Embassy with the reason therefor.

Approve: _____

Disapprove: _____

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Clearance: SCV - Mr. Guthrie BTP - Mr. Ausland FAA - Ray Haley (informed)
AN - Mr. Styles (info)

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